

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

January 2, 2007

Sheriff Jon Marvel called meeting to order at 5:09 P.M.

Sheriff Jon Marvel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. James Bramble, Vigo County Auditor took roll call and all Council members were present.

Public Comments. There were none.

Communications from elected officials of the County.

Mr. James Bramble, Vigo County Auditor, opened the floor for nominations for President of the Vigo County Council. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to nominate Mr. Bob Hellmann as President, Mr. Darrick Scott seconds, there are no other nominations. All members voting aye, motion passes, Mr. Bob Hellmann is President of the Vigo County Council for 2007.

Mr. Bob Hellmann asks for nominations for President Pro-Tem of the Vigo County Council. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to nominate Mr. Darrick Scott, Mr. Mark Bird seconds, there are no other nominations. All members voting aye, motion passes, Mr. Darrick Scott is President Pro-Tem of the Vigo County Council for 2007.

Mr Bob Hellmann asked for motion to adopt the Rules of the Vigo County Council for 2007 that are unchanged from 2006. Mr. Brad Anderson wanted to ensure that the Data Processing Committee is addressed. President Hellmann's interpretation of Rule 5(H) is that the Chair of the Facilities, Services, and Special Projects will appoint the members of the Advisory Committee on Data Processing. Mr. Hellmann suggests to that Chair that Brad Anderson is well experienced in that area.

Mr. Bob Hellmann appointed Mr. Rowdy Williams as the County Council Attorney and Mr. Matt Muckler as the Fiscal Policy Analyst.

Mr. Bob Hellmann appointed committees members. The Annual Budget Committee includes Mr. Darrick Scott, Chair, Mr. Mark Bird, and Mr. Mike Morris. The Budget Adjustments, Transfers, and Appropriations Committee includes Mr. Mark Bird, Chair, Mr. Brad Anderson, and Ms. Kathy Miller. The Personnel Committee includes Mr. Tim Curley, Chair, Mr. Mike Morris, and Mr. Darrick Scott. The Facilities, Services, and Special Projects Committee includes Ms. Kathy Miller, Chair, Mr. Brad Anderson, and Mr. Tim Curley. Mr. Hellmann suggested to Ms. Miller that Brad Anderson be on the Advisory Committee on Data Processing, but it is her decision.

Mr. Bob Hellmann asks for permission to proceed with a 2/3 vote to suspend the rules to allow the consideration of the Resolution regarding an Interlocal agreement between the

City of Terre Haute and Vigo County regarding the combined dispatch. Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to suspend the rules to allow consideration of Resolution 2007-1. Mr. Darrick Scott seconds. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

President Bob Hellmann yielded the gavel to President Pro-Tem Darrick Scott.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

Resolution 2007- 1

Mr. Bob Hellmann welcomes Mayor Burke, Sheriff Jon Marvel, and Deputy Greg Ewing, who have been involved in the discussion of transferring twelve city employees to the county as Dispatchers. These employees will be compensated for not less than their current salary being paid by the City and will be added to the County's insurance carrier. The City has agreed to pay the County \$500,000 a year in two installments of \$250,000.00, for five years. The agreement will be automatically extended for another five years. However, in the fourth year of the five year term an executive decision can be made within a sixty-day window for an opt out. If the County chooses to opt out it would be the decision of the Commissioners with the County Council's approval and if the City chooses to opt out it would be the decision of the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. The County will accept employees as of January 1, 2007. There is some salary disparity between City and County employees; this will be worked on and negotiated to close the gap. Mr. Tim Curley expressed concern on the sufficiency of twenty-one total dispatchers; will the Sheriff be back in a few months needing more? Greg Ewing and Sheriff Jon Marvel both feel the number is adequate as they have gone over every absence scenario they could think of involving sick days, vacation days, etc.

Mr. Mike Morris asked what the difference in salaries is between County and City employees. Mr. Bob Hellmann said the starting disparity is about \$2,500 - \$3,000. The Personnel Committee will address combining pay schedules and the consideration of the difference in the longevity schedules that are currently in place for the City and the County.

Mr. Mark Bird expressed concern about City Dispatch and County Dispatch being separate, he feels they should be recognized and work as one organization. Another concern is cross training. Sheriff Jon Marvel said it happening now and the organization is being called "Central Dispatch". Also, the Dispatchers have been cross-trained since the Dispatch Center began. Mr. Darrick Scott commented that as a responder, it has been a seamless merge and he has noticed better service.

President Pro-Tem Darrick Scott passed the gavel back to President Bob Hellmann.

Salary Ordinance 2007-2

Mr. Bob Hellmann mentions they have Salary Ordinance 2007-1, concerning the City Dispatchers salary schedule, that has not been previously been approved by the Council and requires a 2/3 vote for the Council to consider and adopt it. This ordinance is to get the City employees on the payroll, and the Personnel Committee will meet to solve the

margins between the salary schedules, which has several policy issues to consider. Mr. Hellmann asks if this ordinance states that it should be retroactive to January 1, 2007. Mr. Darrick Scott then made motion to amend the Ordinance to make it retroactive to January 1, 2007.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions.

President Hellmann assigned Request of Council for the January 30, 2007 meeting to committee for further review.

Additional Comments.

Mr. Bob Hellmann announced that all meetings on the 2007 Schedule will meet at 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Brad Anderson commented that the Council must be careful. The first meeting of the year has resulted in around \$125,000.00 in additional appropriations. If this is done every month, that would be a lot of money and that is scary.

Mr. Mike Morris echoed what Brad said, that is why he didn't want to be on the Budget Adjustment Committee.

Adjournment. Mr. Tim Curley made motion to adjourn meeting. Darrick Scott seconds. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

MOTIONS

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County Council 2007 Rules. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to adopt Rules, Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye with roll call taken by Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, 2007 Rules for the County Council are adopted.

Resolution 2007- 1 Mr. Brad Anderson made motion to suspend the rules to allow consideration of Resolution 2007-1. Mr. Darrick Scott seconds. All members voting aye, motion passes. Mr. Bob Hellmann made motion to approve resolution. Mr. Mark Bird seconds. All members voting aye with roll call taken by Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, motion passes and resolution 2007-1 is adopted.

Salary Ordinance 2007-2 Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to consider the ordinance. Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye with roll call taken by Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor. Mr. Darrick Scott then made motion to adopt ordinance. Mr. Tim Curley seconds. Mr. Darrick Scott made motion to amend Salary Ordinance 2007-2 to be retroactive to January 1, 2007. Mr. Tim Curley seconds. All members voting aye with roll call taken by Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, motion passes, amended ordinance is adopted.